

HALL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING SEPTEMBER 9, 2003

The Hall County Board of Supervisors met September 9, 2003, by published call in the county board meeting room, 121 South Pine, Grand Island.

CALL TO ORDER- The meeting was called to order Chairman Pamela Lancaster

INVOCATION - Invocation was given by Chairman Pamela Lancaster.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison

ROLL CALL – Present on roll call were Scott Arnold, Jim Eriksen, Dick Hartman, Bob Humiston, Bud Jeffries, Pamela Lancaster and Robert Rye. Also present were news media representatives from KRGI and *The Grand Island Independent*.

CONSENT AGENDA – Arnold made a motion and Jeffries seconded to approve the following by consent agenda –

1. Accept and place on file the minutes of the August 26 meeting
2. 6 Approve Resolution #03-0068 for the withdrawal of collateral for Wells Fargo Bank in the amount of \$290,000.00
3. 15a. Approve the final plat for Edgar Acres Subdivision
4. 15b Approve the final plat for Urkoski acres subdivision
5. 16 Approve the bi-weekly salary claims
6. 23 Accept and place on file the office reports from the Hall County Clerk, County Sheriff, County Court Hall and Howard County Juvenile Services
7. 24 Accept and place on file the Hall County Treasurer's Miscellaneous Receipts
8. 25 Accept and place on file communications as received.

Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

OFFICE REPORT August 2003

TITLE FEES STATE	\$16,547.75
TITLE FEES COUNTY	\$ 8,467.25
RECORDING FEES	\$ 33.50
MARRIAGE LICENSES	\$ 510.00
PHOTO FEES/FAX FEES & MISC.	\$ 14.20
PLAT BOOKS/OTHER	99.00
CERTIFIED COPIES MARRIAGE LICENSES	<u>\$ 140.00</u>
TIME CARD FEES	\$ 15.00
TOTAL FOR AUGUST FEES	\$25,826.70

OFFICE REPORT HALL COUNTY SHERIFF JULY 2003

FEES MILEAGE & MISCELLANEOUS	\$13,742.28
COPIES	\$ 116.00
HANDGUN APPLICATIONS	\$ 55.00
TITLE INSPECTIONS	\$ 4,010.00

OFFICE REPORT
HALL COUNTY JUVENILE SERVICES
AUGUST 2003

JUVENILE REFERRALS	15 JUVENILES
JUVENILE OFFENDERS	4 JUVENILE
JUVENILE HOUSE ARREST	4 JUVENILES
TOTAL UNDER SUPERVISION	263 JUVENILES
FEES COLLECTED	\$1,266.00

OFFICE REPORT
HOWARD COUNTY JUVENILE SERVICES
AUGUST 2003

JUVENILE REFERRALS	1 JUVENILES
TOTAL JUVENILE ENROLLEES	21 JUVENILES
FEES COLLECTED FOR MONTH	\$00.00
TOTAL FEES COLLECTED FISCAL YEAR	\$ 00.00

OFFICE REPORT
COUNTY COURT
AUGUST 2003

FINES (CO.)	\$51,383.22
OVERLOAD FINES	3,675.00
REIMBURSE SHERIFF FEES	1,745.92
WORK RELEASE FEES	508.00
REIMBURSE FAX COPIES	30.00
FINES (CITY)	7,108.50
REIMBURSE WITNESS FEES	634.43
BOND FORFEITURES	1,529.33
REIMBURSE CO. FEES	
TOTAL	\$ 66,614.40

Jeffries stated that the public works committee met and they would like to add an emergency to the agenda. Jeffries made a motion and Eriksen seconded to add an emergency item concerning the bid opening for a crawler loader.

Discussion was held and Hartman questioned if this was the only type of equipment available and the way the bid is written it could only be for this specific piece of equipment. Surveyor Dan Hostler stated that this type of crawler loader is not manufactured anymore and this equipment will match his current equipment, but because of the cost is has to be formal bids. Arnold stated that this same process was used for a bid on a truck for the corrections department and when the bid came in the bid on the new truck was about the same. Jeffries stated that this equipment is in North Carolina and it is a reasonable price for a piece of equipment with only 400 hours.

The vote was taken on the motion to add as an emergency item. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Chairman Lancaster called for public participation and no one responded.

7 DISCUSS AND APPROVE CHANGING THE START TIME OF THE NOVEMBER 4, 2003 COUNTY BOARD MEETING – Eriksen stated that the county government day committee met and they set November 4th as County Government Day. He stated that this was the only day that the judges could clear the docket for the mock trial. Judges Martin and Bush have also cleared their calendars for the November 4th date. He asked the county board if the board meeting could be started later to accommodate county government day. Jeffries made a motion and Eriksen seconded to change the starting time for the county board meeting to 1:00 p.m. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

9 ACCEPT AND PLACE ON FILE COUNTY INVENTORIES – County Clerk Marla Conley stated that there was only one folder that had not been turned in and that will be turned in today. Jeffries made a motion and Arnold seconded to accept and place on file the county inventories. Arnold questioned how the real estate could be checked and if the Kranz property is on the inventory. Board Assistant Stacey Ruzicka stated that she would check on this. The vote on the motion was taken. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

10 DISCUSS & AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN AGREEMENT FOR EMERGENCY PROTECTIVE SERVICE WITH REGION III – This contract was sent to County Attorney Jerry Janulewicz and he signed it and returned it to the board for their signature. This rate is set by the governing board and this is the current rate. Eriksen stated he asked some questions on how the rate is determined and why Hall County pays 48% of the cost. Hartman stated that this is partially determined by population. Eriksen stated that when he receives the information he will bring it back to the board. Arnold stated that he has information that there is a group working on a secure detox center and if a center is set up it may help the county with the EPC costs. Eriksen made a motion and Rye seconded to approve the agreement and authorize the chair to sign. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

12 DISCUSS AND AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN SPILLMAN QUOTE – Dave Arnold distributed copies of the Spillman quote to the board members. Arnold noted information on page 3 concerning the completion of the law enforcement package. A total of \$100,000.00 will be paid this year in 2004 \$114,531.00 will be paid and in 2005 \$119,801.00 will be paid, with a total contract of \$334,343.00. This will be over three fiscal year budgets. Supervisor Arnold stated that this is also part of the interlocal agreement. Jeffries questioned what it meant by Hall County Fire. This includes the rural fire departments.

Humiston made a motion and Jeffries seconded to approve the agreement and authorize the chair to sign. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

4 9:30 A.M. PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNTY BUDGET – Rye made a motion and Jeffries seconded to open the public hearing for the Hall County Budget. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Account Brad Fegley was present and explained that two votes will be necessary for the adoption of the budget and also a second public hearing for the final tax request will be held.

Chairman Lancaster called for public participation. Louise Miller, 1104 West Charles, requested to speak to the board. She suggested that instead of increasing the budget the county should cut down spending. She said the county is spending too much on law enforcement and the court system. The constitution provides for a speedy trial but we should not have to support everyone from the cradle to the grave. She also expressed concern on public housing. Chairman Lancaster stated that the county is also concerned on the court costs. Arnold said that people are presumed innocent until proven guilty and they have the right to an attorney and sometimes it is a free attorney, because we are bound by law to provide them with a public defender. Hartman also expressed concern on the number of jury trials that are held in Hall County. Hartman stated this needs to be looked at.

Chairman Lancaster stated that the board has worked on the budget for many hours. She called for public participation and no one responded.

Jeffries made a motion and Eriksen seconded to close the public hearing for the county budget. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND APPROVE 1% ADDITIONAL ALLOWABLE INCREASE – Lancaster stated that this does not affect the budget this year it just allow the additional budget authority. Eriksen made a motion and Arnold seconded to approve the 1% additional allowable increase for Hall County. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND APPROVE RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR HALL COUNTY BUDGET - Jeffries made a motion and Eriksen seconded to approve Resolution #03-0069 of Adoption and Appropriations for Hall County. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

9:45 A.M. PUBLIC HEARING FINAL TAX REQUEST FOR COUNTY BUDGET RATES – Jeffries made a motion and Rye seconded to open the public hearing. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Chairman Lancaster called for public participation and Louise Miller requested to note the same remarks that the county was spending too much money.

No one else responded.

Rye made a motion and Jeffries seconded to close the public hearing. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

DISCUSS & APPROVE RESOLUTION SETTING PROPERTY TAX REQUEST FOR HALL COUNTY – Jeffries made a motion and Rye seconded to approve Resolution #03-0070 Setting the Property Tax Request for Hall County. Mr. Fegley noted that this is the property tax request not rates. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

11 INSURANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE 90-DAY EXTENSION OF HEALTH BENEFITS – Hartman stated that the insurance committee received information concerning a 90 day extension of coverage for health insurance. All of the members of the committee approved the extension. This is a provision in the county health plan and can be approved on a case by case basis. Hartman made a motion and Humiston seconded to approve the 90-day extension of benefits. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

5 PUBLIC WORKS – 10:00 A.M. BID OPENING ASPHALT PROJECTS – The following bids were received and read:

BIDDER	S LOCUST PROJECT	AUSTIN & DEVA AVE	AIRPORT RD	TOTAL	NOT/ TIED
JIL ASPHALT	\$101,125.00	\$9,294.75	\$155,135.60	\$265,555.36	NO
GARY SMITH CONSTRUCTION	\$93,187.50	\$9,308.00	\$152,335.11	\$254,830.61	TIED

Jeffries made a motion and Eriksen seconded to refer the bids to the public works committee. They will review the bids and come back with a recommendation today. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

5b PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION ON STATE BID FOR ASPHALT CRACK SEALING MACHINE – Jeffries stated that the county needs to replace the heated asphalt rubberized asphalt crack sealing machine, better known as the tar bucket. This can be purchased on the state bid from Rose Equipment. Jeffries made a motion and Arnold seconded to approve the purchase of the crack-sealing machine from Rose Equipment in the amount of \$21,050.00. Arnold stated that this amount was approved in the budget. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

5c EMERGENCY ITEM TO SET BID OPENING – Jeffries made a motion and Eriksen seconded to set the bid opening for October 7, 2003, at 10:00 a.m. for a 1999 or newer crawler loader with 500 hours or less. The bids are to be received by Monday the 6th of October at 5:00 p.m. Jeffries stated that all bids will be considered and it will not be limited to used equipment. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

13 AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN ADMINISTRATIVE AGREEMENT FOR HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN – County Clerk Marla Conley reported that this was referred to County Attorney Jerry Janulewicz and he expressed concern on changing the agreement at this time. Eriksen made a motion and Arnold seconded to table this item. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS RECOMMENDATION ON BID – The bid were reviewed and Jeffries made a motion and Eriksen seconded to accept the bid from Gary Smith Construction in the amount of \$254,830.61. It was questioned if there was a completion date and Jeffries stated it was November 15th. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

County Surveyor Dan Hostler reported that Gary Smith Construction has finished the armor coating at Cornhusker Army Ammunition Plant.

17 UPDATE ON WEST NILE – Hartman questioned what had been done on this issue. Jeffries stated that he contacted Dan Hostler and Rob Schultz and instructed them to contact the health department if there were any areas in the county that needed to be sprayed.

Eriksen stated that he talked to the person at the health department that is in charge of the spraying and they are spraying Grand Island and are open to any other requests that come in. Some of the smaller communities already do their own spraying. He stated that the health department met last night and they instructed the staff to do an intense inventory of what is going on the three county area. They will take a good look at it and start addressing this issue for next year. The board members expressed concern on the number of cases and the severity of the cases in this area. Jeffries stated that this is a responsibility of the City and the County and they may need to plan for next year.

Eriksen stated that the health department is taking the lead and they will work on a proposed plan to address this problem for next year. If it involves money this can also be addressed. The health department is also including Merrick and Hamilton counties.

BOARD ASSISTANT'S REPORT – Board Assistant Stacey Ruzicka stated she did not have anything to report.

BOARD MEMBER'S REPORTS – Hartman – no report

Humiston – no report

Eriksen – He stated he attended a health board meeting last night.

Rye – no report

Jeffries – He stated that he attended the meeting concerning the consolidation of county and city services.

Arnold – He reported that he attended the computer committee meeting along with the other board members that attended.

Lancaster – She reported that she also attended the city county consolidation meeting. She completed a survey concerning the county's efforts to consolidate services. Hall County has a joint building and grounds and park department and the veteran's service office has included other counties in their services. She stated that the report is in Stacey's office if anyone is interested.

NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Chairman Lancaster called for new or unfinished business and no one responded.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - PERSONAL EVALUATION AND PERSONAL – Rye made a motion and Jeffries seconded to go into executive session. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

10:47 a.m. executive session

11:33 a.m. motion to go out was made

Jeffries made a motion and Eriksen seconded to refer the personal evaluation to the personal committee to review with the employee. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m. The next meeting will be September 23, 2003.

Marla J. Conley Hall County Clerk

Reminder – The County Board meetings may be viewed on GITV Cable Channel 6 Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. and Friday at 8:00 a.m.